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TOP NEWS

Google Workers Take 2nd Shot At Gender Pay Class Action

A putative class of women accusing Google of gender-based pay discrimination filed an amended complaint in California state court on Wednesday, adding a fourth named plaintiff and more specific allegations about the internet giant's methods for paying women less than men for the same types of work. Read more »

Northern Calif. US Attorney Steps Down To Join Sidley

Brian Stretch will leave his post as U.S. attorney for the Northern District of California to join Sidley Austin LLP as a partner in its white collar practice, the firm announced Wednesday, and the U.S. attorney's office plans to appoint a interim replacement Sunday. Read more »

Greenberg Traurig Partner Named Interim SDNY US Attorney

The Trump administration on Wednesday named a Greenberg Traurig shareholder as interim U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, while other BigLaw partners were tapped for similar positions in New Jersey and Los Angeles. Read more »

Kia Didn't Infringe Allstate Trademark, Judge Says

A California federal judge recently ruled that Kia Motor Corp.'s "Drive Wise" brand didn't infringe Allstate Insurance Co. "Drivewise" trademark, rejecting a jury's earlier advisory verdict against the carmaker. Read more »

Calif. Justices Consider Anti-SLAPP Limits In Contract Row

The California Supreme Court questioned Wednesday whether defendants in a real estate contract fight waited too long to bring their first anti-SLAPP motion only after the plaintiff thrice amended its complaint, with the justices wondering whether that ran counter to the law's goal of ending frivolous litigation quickly. Read more »

Walmart Cashier Class Says Co. Concedes Seating Feasible

A class of Walmart cashiers alleging the retail giant violated state law by failing to provide them seats claimed Tuesday in California federal court that by providing seats to cashiers with disabilities, the company has already acknowledged that their work reasonably permits seating. Read more »

REAL ESTATE & DEVELOPMENT

Ambac Can't Move Mortgage Fee Suit To NY, Judge Says

A California federal judge on Tuesday rejected a bid by Ambac Assurance Corp. to transfer to New York a suit brought by a group of military housing developers accusing it and another mortgage corporation of bilking them for hundreds of millions of dollars in excessive fees. Read more »

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

Calif. Vineyard Developers Sued Over Salamanders' Habitat

California River Watch sued on Wednesday a group of vineyard developers

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PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Calif. Can't Ban Credit Card Surcharges, 9th Circ. Finds

A Ninth Circuit panel found Wednesday that California's law banning credit card surcharges violates free speech rights, saying in a published decision that the restriction is "more extensive than necessary" to protect consumers from misleading pricing tactics. Read more »

Mobile Ad Co. Says Uber Rewriting History To Ditch $20M Bill

A mobile advertising company that was blamed by Uber Technologies Inc. for failing to stop ad fraud sued the ride-hailing service in California federal court on Tuesday, accusing it of ignoring warnings and then revising history to avoid paying some $20 million in bills. Read more »

Rams Stadium Partner Looks To Dodge Doc Bid In Seat Fight

Legends Hospitality, which is selling suites and sponsorships for the new Los Angeles Rams stadium, has fired back at an allegedly duplicative request for additional documents in the suit brought by a class of Rams fans whose season tickets were canceled when the NFL team relocated from St. Louis. Read more »

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Facebook Agrees To Mediate Search Patent Suit

Facebook Inc. has agreed to try to mediate a patent infringement lawsuit against it over organized search results, under an order issued Tuesday in California federal court, pending a decision on the social media giant's motion to dismiss the allegations completely. Read more »

EMPLOYMENT

Worker Told Disney 'Doesn't Care' About Sick Father: Suit

A U.S.-based set decorator for the Shanghai Disney Resort theme park filed suit in California federal court Wednesday, claiming she was told by her boss that the company "doesn't care about you or your family" before she was fired for requesting leave to take care of her sick father. Read more »

Ex-Merrill Lynch Manager Loses Mormon Bias Appeal

A California appeals court on Tuesday rejected a former Merrill Lynch regional executive's claims that judicial bias tainted his trial on allegations the firm discriminated against him because he is Mormon, saying a judge treated him fairly but must still rethink fees she awarded the company. Read more »

NLRB Says Recent Ruling Impacts 9th Circ. Casino Spat

The National Labor Relations Board told the Ninth Circuit on Wednesday that a recent board decision invalidated one of its reasons for holding that a California tribal casino can't block workers from handing out union leaflets in guest areas, but maintained that the practice was unlawful nonetheless. Read more »

SECURITIES & WHITE COLLAR

Chipmaker's Investors Sue To Block $6B Marvell Merger

A putative class of Cavium shareholders hit the chipmaker with a lawsuit in California federal court Tuesday, accusing the company of filing a materially incomplete and misleading registration statement regarding its $6 billion merger with Marvell Technology Group Ltd. Read more »

Pot Exec Says Atty's Arbitration Pact Doesn't Apply To Him

A California lawyer wants to ignore the distinction between representing a

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corporation and representing its officers by arguing that a retainer agreement should send a malpractice suit against him to arbitration, a onetime marijuana industry entrepreneur argued in a Tuesday filing. Read more »

COMPETITION

3rd Circ. Backs Nix Of Pharmacies' Claim In Lipitor MDL

The Third Circuit declined Wednesday to revive claims by several pharmacies that a settlement between Pfizer Inc. and Ranbaxy Inc. over the popular anti-cholesterol medication Lipitor ran afoul of antitrust laws, finding that the apothecaries alleged the wrong type of antitrust violation in their complaint. Read more »

IMMIGRATION

Judge Erred In Detainee's Competency Review, 9th Circ. Says

An immigration judge failed to appropriately and completely evaluate the competence of a detainee who seeks to cancel his removal, the Ninth Circuit held on Wednesday as it revived the case. Read more »

TAX

Toy Co. Owners, IRS Settle Over $8M Legal Fee Deductions

The owners of toymaker MGA Entertainment Inc. have reached a settlement with the IRS in a California federal court of claims that the company was entitled to deduct more than $8 million in legal fees related to a lawsuit against Mattel Inc. over the rights to Bratz dolls, according to a Wednesday court order. Read more »

PEOPLE

Duane Morris Nabs Former Sedgwick Trial Pros In Calif.

Duane Morris LLP has hired a pair of former Sedgwick LLP trial lawyers to bolster its West Coast presence in its second batch of hires from the defunct firm, adding the new partners in its San Francisco and Los Angeles offices, according to a Wednesday announcement. Read more »

Ex-Skadden Securities Atty Joins Allen Matkins In Calif.

Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP has brought onboard a former Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP attorney as a securities and corporate governance litigation partner in its San Francisco office.
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Shook Hardy Brings On Ex-Sedgwick Chair

Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP announced Wednesday that former Sedgwick LLP chairman Michael Healy has joined the firm, along with two other attorneys, in its San Francisco office, bolstering the firm's product liability litigation, business litigation and class action teams. Read more »

Q&A

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Alissa Starzak Talks Net Neutrality, US Army, Leap To Startup

In this brief Q&A, Alissa Starzak of Cloudflare Inc. discusses her former role as general counsel for the U.S. Army and the lengthy confirmation process leading up to that role, as well as her present work in the private sector and thoughts on net neutrality. Read more »

EXPERT ANALYSIS

The Enneagram And The Practice Of Law

Study of the Enneagram personality typing system can provide attorneys with better insights into themselves, and into those they interact with professionally, including clients, opposing counsel and judges, says Jennifer

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LEGAL INDUSTRY

Analysis

Trump's Judge-Vetting Under Scrutiny After Failed Nominees

The recent immolation of three of President Donald Trump's nominees for district judgeships, including one who was unable to define basic trial terms in a Senate confirmation hearing, has fanned debate about whether the White House is cutting corners in its judicial vetting process and rewarding ideology over quality. Read more »

Analysis

A Look At The Sanction Dogging A Trump Judicial Nominee

President Donald Trump's pick for a Tennessee court seat was the subject of rare Rule 11 sanctions in 1997 while he was an attorney in private practice, penalized for bringing a case a Maryland federal judge described as "unfounded in law or fact" and designed to "harass and punish" a woman who won a sexual harassment judgment against her employer — a disclosure that one Democratic senator said could influence his vote. Read more »

Law Firms Merged At Record Rate In 2017

A record-breaking year for U.S. law firm mergers ended on a high note with 102 total tie-ups in 2017 after a lackluster 2016, beating the previous record of 91 deals, according to a report released on Wednesday by legal consultant Altman Weil Inc. Read more »

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